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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert B. FORD et al.)

Application No.: 10/621,096)

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For: MONOLITHIC SPUTTERING TARGET ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

· Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.